

Agenda: Board of Directors Meeting – Montana Academy of Science

4:30-6:00 April 13, 2012 Big Butte Room, Montana Tech, Butte

1. Review of minutes from October 2011 meeting - accepted

2. Budget Review

a. Treasurer's Report – Tom Lewis – On Jan.1, 2011 we had \$6691.28 in the checking account. We moved \$7000 from the trust and brought in \$3018 from the meeting (dues, registration, sponsorships, and ACS contribution) for a total additions of \$10,018. The meeting cost us \$2213 for food, we gave out \$700 in awards, \$3500 in grants, \$450 in travel awards, \$2400 to the Jr. Acad, spent \$900 on financial planning (Fred Stewart), paid \$200 to the accountant for our taxes, and spent about \$100 on service charges to the checking account (plus a few other miscellaneous charges totaling \$28.25) for an expenditure in 2011 of \$10497. Thus, we spent \$479.80 more than we added, and ended the year (12/31/2011) with a checking account balance of \$6211.48. We expect similar expenses again this year, and will probably have to move about \$7000 from the trust to cover everything. We'll decide all that at our October meeting.

3. IJS Discussion - Martha and Terry Lonner came and presented the costs and benefits of making IJS "google-able". They anticipate the total cost to be between \$8000 and \$10,000, of which MAS would pay our share (one-third). The idea is to scan all existing issues into digital format, update the IJS website in various ways to make it modern, and make the entire journal open access to anyone. It would be searchable and identifiable through search engines. The board was generally in favor of paying our share (up to \$3,300), although no vote was taken and Barron suggested that he would initiate a discussion via email soon after the meeting to make the decision.

4. Selection of Grant Awardees

a. It's growing – 33 proposals, can fund 9 this year

b. How to "spread" the grants? Undergrad/Grad; Among Institutions?; Fields?

c. Really need a permanent committee to do this (and follow up on the Awardees) –

Because Doug Coffin donated \$1500 to fund three further proposals, we were able to choose nine for funding. The problem was how to distribute the funding. Had we simply chosen the top-ranked 9 proposals, then all the grants would have gone to the two big universities, and only two of the nine would have been undergraduates.

George suggested a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 model as follows: 1/3 can go to graduate students; 1/3 are allocated to the 4-year colleges; and the remaining 1/3 can go to whoever. This proposal was modified (at least for this year) to force the remaining 1/3 to go to undergraduates from any school. We did not officially vote on anything, or make anything “policy”, but it is clear that we need to have this discussion and decide on a policy to put on the website. The grant winners and affiliations are below:

Topenio – Grad – UM

Crino – Grad – UM

Weber – Undergrad – MSU

Ellenbecker – Grad – UM

Lecoultre – Undergrad – UM

Broumas – Undergrad – MSU

Kemp – Undergrad - UGF

Schilz – Undergrad – RMC

Austin – Undergrad – MSUB

5. Annual Meeting Update:

a. Wrap-up of Symposium (Science and Society) – Phil?

- 1. Abstracts?** Phil suggested that he would put together a summary of the symposium. It went very well and was well-attended. Thanks to everyone involved.

b. Full sponsorship for meals again (?):

- 1. Friday Dinner – Rich Bridges**
- 2. Saturday Breakfast – Doug Coe (?)**
- 3. Saturday Lunch – Tasneem Khaleel**

c. No Awards this year

d. Need committee for best UG Poster, Grad Poster, Oral Presentation etc.

e. Need check for Keynote Speaker

f. Need “Moderators” for Breakout Sessions (Tech Folks?)

g. Jr. Academy Business – Carmen Hauck (Jim Harkins) Jim Harkins briefly mentioned the students that went to Washington and gave us a digital copy of their thank-you notes and their impressions of the experience to put on the website.

6. Board membership and officers

a. Officers and terms

1. New officers? Check on terms and expiration dates

2. New President????? Please?? Phil Jenson expressed interest in the office of President. The board was in favor of having Phil as president when offices expire at the end of June, 2012. Barron will put together a “ballot” and send it out to the membership for vote. We all assume Phil will be our new president, and that Barron will move into the Executive Director position, moving Doug Coffin back to a member-at-large position.

7. Other Business:

a. Flowers to Kris at Tech

b. Flowers to Melanie at MSUB The board again approved flowers to the support staff that help make the meeting a success.